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AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to requiring the  
court, prior to accepting a plea to a misdemeanor or violation, to  
advise the defendant of the risk of deportation if he or she is not a  
citizen

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 340.20 of the criminal procedure law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:  
3 5. PRIOR TO ACCEPTING A DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY TO A COUNT OR  
4 COUNTS OF AN INFORMATION, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
5 340.10 OF THIS ARTICLE, CHARGING A MISDEMEANOR, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-  
6 SION TWO OF SECTION 55.10 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A VIOLATION, AS DEFINED  
7 BY SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 55.10 OF THE PENAL LAW, THE COURT SHALL  
8 ADVISE THE DEFENDANT THAT IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE  
9 UNITED STATES, THE DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY AND THE COURT'S ACCEPTANCE  
10 THEREOF MAY RESULT IN THE DEFENDANT'S DEPORTATION OR REMOVAL, EXCLUSION  
11 FROM ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OR DENIAL OF NATURALIZATION PURSUANT  
12 TO THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, THE COURT SHALL, PRIOR TO  
13 ACCEPTING SUCH PLEA, ADVISE THE DEFENDANT THAT, IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT  
14 A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS OR BECOMES THE SUBJECT OF A FINAL  
15 ORDER OF REMOVAL ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
16 ENFORCEMENT, THE DEFENDANT MAY BE RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE IMMI-  
17 GRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FOR REMOVAL PURPOSES AS A RESULT OF THE  
18 DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY. THE COURT SHALL, CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH THE  
19 PLEA, AFFIRM ON THE RECORD OR IN A WRITING THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS BEEN  
20 GIVEN THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION.  
21 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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